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Dear Sir,

I don't know if you remember, but we had a conversation last Friday about our Federal Recognition and the obstacles we have been encountering. You told me that you would call me today and give me an update on where we are in the process.

I cannot even begin to express my disappointment with your department. We as Native People heard so many promising speeches and we wanted so badly to believe the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, yet we see no action to back up anything what was said.

We have answered all of the questions that were thrown at us and have proved time and time again the validity of our claim as a tribe. We continue to lose elders, and those that need assistance still go without. At what point does this insanity stop?

After the review of our documentation, by the Assistant Secretary and the solicitors office as well as his other staff members, the decision on whether we are added back to the federally recognized list or go the 1/2 blood community route is the only remaining question. The answer to that question can be made immediately by the Assistant Secretary without any more delay.

I request that someone reply back to me either by email or phone and let me know where we stand.

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